SIR ROBERT CECIL RECEIVED BY FRENCH KING JJTH APRIL

opinion of divers of his subjects and other particulars The Commissioners from the States are now arrived

gth April CERTAIN LETTERS CAPTURED

It is said that some days since certain fishermen fished up in the sea a packet of letters from the Cardinal of Austria to the King of Spain, wherein it appeareth that the French King will conclude peace without regard to her Majesty or to the States Moreover the King of Spain requireth that if the French wiH have the English comprehended in the peace then shall the Catholic religion be free in England, and likewise with the Low Countries Copies of these letters have been sent to Sir Robert Cecil

iotb April MR CHAPMAN TRANSLATETH HOMER'S * ILIADES *

Mr. George Chapman hath entered for the press *Seven Books of the Iliades of Homer, Prince of Poets,* translated according to the Greek, and dedicated * To the most Honoured now living instance of the Achilleian virtues, eternized by divine Homer, the Earl of Essex, Earl Marshal, etc.[3] Wnteth of my Lord in these terms * * Most true Achilles (whom by sacred prophecy Homer did but prefigure in his admiral object) and in whose unmatched virtues shine the dignities of the soul, and the whole excellence of royal humanity, let not the peasant-common polities of the world that count all things servile and simple, that pamper not their own pnvate sensualities, burying quick in their filthy sepulchres of earth the whole bodies and souls of honour, virtue and piety, stir your divine temper from per-severance in godlike pursuit of Eternity [?]

APOLLO SENDETH **THE PLAGUE**

Thus prayed he, and Apollo heard, who at the heart offended

Down from the topless brows of heaven, into the host
descended,
His bow and quiver covered round, his golden shoulders
wore,
His angry arrows, as he moved, did thunder on the shore,
So, like the lownng night he walked, and took his wreakfcl
stand
Athwart the fleet his silver bow, with his hard losing hand,